

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please make the following amendments:

On page 1, after line 2, insert the following:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation application of PCT/IB99/01930 filed December 3, 1999, which claims priority of EP No. 98420226.7 filed December 7, 1998 entitled Multilayer Composite Film and Use of this Film. Priority is claimed to the PCT application filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 365.--

On page 1, delete lines 3 through 8.

On page 1, after line 8 and before line 9, insert the following:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention.

This invention relates generally to multilayer composite films and more particularly to food grade quality multilayer composite films for use in packaging liquids.

2. Description of the Related Art.--

On page 1, line 17, replace the word "LLDPE" with --Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE)--

On page 2, line 33, after "combined." insert --Accordingly, there is a need in the industry for a multilayer composite film that overcomes the aforementioned short comings of the prior art.--

On page 2, before line 34 insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

ab The present invention relates to a multilayer composite film of food grade quality and to the use of this multilayer composite film in packaging liquids. The preferred multilayer composite film of the present invention has a thickness between $30\ \mu\text{m}$ and $120\ \mu\text{m}$, comprising a layer based on polypropylene (pp) sandwiched between two outside layers of LLDPE, the density of which is preferably between 0.919 and $0.930\ \text{g/cm}^3$ --

On page 3, before line 23, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a valve in combination with a withdrawing pipe, the valve being constructed of two strips of the multilayer composite film of the present invention --

On page 3, line 8, delete "as defined by claim 1".

On page 3, lines 9 and 10, delete "as defined by claim 7. Various" and insert --and various--.

On page 3, lines 11 and 12, delete "correspond to the definitions given in the claims dependent on claim 1".

On page 3, delete lines 23 through 24.

On page 3, before line 25 insert the following:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --

On page 8, after line 1 insert:

--What is Claimed is:--.